

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Day of Mourning Honoring the Lives Lost at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Virginia and the country mourn the tragic loss of lives that occurred at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on April 16, 2007;
- WHEREAS, Governor Kaine has invited the State and citizens of Maryland to join with him in standing with those who have lost loved ones in this tragedy and those who are recovering from physical and psychological wounds;
- WHEREAS, We thank those in our public safety, medical, and education professions who performed their missions bravely;
- WHEREAS, We offer our thoughts and prayers to all those who have been affected by this senseless act of violence; and
- WHEREAS, On Friday, April 20, 2007, the Commonwealth of Virginia will declare a statewide Day of Mourning, highlighted by a bell ringing ceremony at noon in honor of the victims claimed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

I ask that citizens across the State of Maryland join Virginia in honoring those victims whose lives have been lost by ringing bells at noon Eastern Daylight Savings time on April 20, 2007, and I ask local governments, churches, community groups, schools, businesses, and individuals across the State to join in this observance.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 19th Day of April, 2007.

Martin O'Malley
Governor

ATTEST:

Dennis Schnepfe
Interim Secretary of State